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Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Overview

The Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Lake Tahoe is being developed by Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board and Nevada Division of Environmental Protection and consists of two phases: 1) estimating sources and types of pollutants (sediment & nutrient loading) impacting Lake Tahoe's famed clarity and 2) preparing the implementation of "loading allocations" and feasibility for trading of allocations between entities. In response to anticipated widespread interest, staff is planning to conduct a public symposium to accompany release of the document in summer 2006 in addition to participation in on-going Pathway 2007 planning efforts.

For more info on the TMDL check out: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/TMDL/Tahoe/winter2005-06_tmdl_newsletter.pdf

Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) Shorezone Ordinance Amendment

The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Shorezone Ordinance Amendment will be available to the public for comment beginning March 22nd. Additionally, public will be able to comment at Governing Board meeting and the Advisory Planning Commission meetings in March. At this point, TRPA staff is requesting action for certification and adoption which would end a 10 + year effort to amend the Shorezone Ordinance.

For meeting locations and times <http://www.trpa.org/default.aspx?tabindex=0&tabid=100>

For Shorezone Documents <http://www.trpa.org/default.aspx?tabid=126>

TRPA Governing Board Grapple with Tree Thinning Ordinance, recent violations and appropriate fine amounts

At the TRPA Governing Board meeting on February 22nd, several public comments focused on the TRPAs lack of muscle used when assessing fines and asserting that in essence the amounts set indicate the "cheap cost of doing business" instead of a viable deterrent to violations in the first place. One suggested that more information is needed for homeowners regarding what they can and cannot do in addition to levying fines. Another proposed a workshop in which current market forces and appropriate deterrent factors are considered in trying to ameliorate recent radical violations. In the coming months, several Board members will convene such a workshop. For more information, contact TRPA Director of Communications [Julie Regan](#).

NTCD to Conduct Community Assessment for Nevada Lake Tahoe

Throughout March NTCD staff will be contacting local leaders to conduct community assessments. The results will be compiled and entered into the NTCD Community Database. A variety of information will be collected: jurisdictional maps, operations and maintenance inventory, facilities and infrastructure resources, best management practice implementation information and community vision information. For more information contact [Jill Sarick](#) at NTCD.

Upcoming Meetings

March 2nd – Lake Tahoe Federal Advisory Committee – 30 College Drive in South Lake Tahoe, CA

March 2nd – Nevada Over-site Committee – Carson City

March 8th – TRPA Advisory Planning Commission Meeting

March 9th – Pathway Place-base Planning Working Group South Shore Partnership Meeting

March 22nd – TRPA Governing Board Meeting

Week of March 27th – South Tahoe Place-based Planning Public Workshops

March 28th – NTCD Board of Supervisors

March 28th – NTP Core Committee

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coordinator and over 100 representatives of Nevada Lake Tahoe General Improvement Districts (GIDs), Homeowners Associations (HOAs) and Fire Safe Councils (FSCs).

Visit the Partnership website: www.nevadatahoepartnership.org for up-to-date information about Nevada Lake Tahoe conservation issues. We encourage you to visit the website often for updates on local planning and resource conservation efforts.

The Partnership publishes a FREE E-Newsletter to help keep residents informed and educated as well as local public forums.

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